

551st Battalion Command Philosophy

This command philosophy is essentially a statement of my expectations of your conduct and performance. It communicates my values, style, priorities and goals in order to help us do our jobs better. Our success will be determined by the readiness of our people, equipment and families. To be an effective team, we must know each other, our families, our community, our strengths, our weaknesses, and work together to achieve our goals.

Safety- I care about each of you and have a personal concern for your safety. Safety is paramount in all that we do. We have ultimate responsibility for the safety of our personnel. We must emphasize safe practices, wear proper safety equipment, "WATCH AND WARN" in all that we do, correct unsafe conditions and report to minimize reoccurrences.

Caring- Taking care of you is my highest priority. I will expect and foster an environment of personal respect and dignity. We will promote an environment in which each person is welcomed and incorporated into our team. You have been entrusted with our country's most valuable resource-its sons and daughters. Take care of them and their families, but do not forget to care for yourself and your family.

Maintaining- Well maintained facilities and equipment enable us to accomplish our mission. It is crucial we maintain accountability and perform checks and services to keep our available resources operational. By maintaining your mind, body and soul you too can always be your best.

Training- Training is moreover our goal – maximizing efforts and focusing potential, every day, will guarantee all Soldiers receive the quality training they deserve. Training should be tough, realistic and relevant, yet safety and risk management should always be applied. Use the AAR process whenever possible to make the most of the training event. Learning is an integral part of our training and we shall incorporate lessons learned and share best practices. Let the Chain of command know of possible training distracters. Regardless, we as leaders develop the training schedule - follow it.

Leading- Good leadership takes effort, commitment and dedication from everyone. Live and teach the Army Values. Reinforce the Warrior Ethos. Be honest, do the right thing– legally and morally. Set the standard and the example. Be a good trainer, coach and mentor. Being accountable is paramount for you as a leader and for your Soldiers. Empower our subordinates and "Pin the Rose" by placing a name to each task or mission for accountability and success. Follow up, verify and award good performance. No one enjoys surprises. Use your chain of command and tell them as soon as possible if something good or bad is happening. We are here to support you. Remember to have fun, enjoy your profession and keep your life in balance.

I expect everyone in this Command to serve your Nation with Honor and Respect. I will act decisively on any moral/ethical violations. Do not abuse drugs or drive while intoxicated. Do not tolerate or commit sexual offenses, or engage in inappropriate relationships or spouse/child abuse.

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